

Introduced by Senator Chesbro and Aanestad
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Berg)

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An act to add Section 35401.9 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1135, as introduced, Chesbro. Motor carriers: limitation of access: exemption.

Existing law authorizes the establishment of limited highway access to terminals or services by the Department of Transportation and cities and counties.

This bill would exempt licensed carriers of flowers, ornamental plants, or related products from established limitations of access when those carriers are engaged in certain activities under specified conditions and on specified portions of State Highway Route 101, if the travel is necessary and incidental to the shipment of those flowers, ornamental plants, or related products. The bill would allow the exemption only if certain conditions are met.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 35401.9 is added to the Vehicle Code,
2 to read:
3 35401.9. (a) The limitations of access specified in
4 subdivision (d) of Section 35401.5 do not apply to licensed carriers
5 of flowers, ornamental plants, or related products when those

1 carriers are directly enroute to or from a point of loading or
2 unloading of flowers, ornamental plants, or related product on
3 those portions of State Highway Route 101 located in the Counties
4 of Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino from its junction with
5 State Highway Route 1 near Leggett north to the Oregon border,
6 if the travel is necessary and incidental to the shipment of the
7 flowers, ornamental plants, or related products.

8 (b) The exemption allowed under subdivision (a) does not
9 apply unless all of the following conditions are met:

10 (1) The length of the truck tractor, in combination with the
11 semitrailer used to transport the flowers, ornamental plants, or
12 related products, does not exceed a total of 70 feet.

13 (2) The distance from the kingpin to the rearmost axle of the
14 semitrailer does not exceed 40 feet.

15 (c) The exemption allowed under subdivision (a) does not
16 apply to travel conducted on the day prior to, or on the day of, any
17 federally recognized holiday.

